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A critical component of the Governor's proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12 State budget is the Realignment Proposal that seeks to address the State's structural deficit by shifting responsibility for certain programs and services to counties along with dedicated revenue sources to pay for them.

The County's negotiations with the Governor have resulted in a product that provides guarantees and protections the County needs. This is an encouraging first step in what will be a long process of development and implementation of a broader realignment plan. However, the Board continues to have a number of concerns associated with the Governor's realignment plan that must be addressed as that plan is developed over the next several months. Chief among those concerns will be determining the process for allocating funding for realigned programs, securing the necessary administrative flexibility and local control for realigned program implementation, and ensuring critical County programs like the IV-E Waiver for Child Welfare Services is protected, among other important issues.

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On Monday, March 14, 2011, each house of the Legislature introduced, “*The Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act*,” a constitutional amendment introduced by Assemblymember Blumenfield and Senator Darrell Steinberg. Specifically, Assembly Constitutional Amendment ACA X1 2 (Blumenfield) and SCA X1 1 (Steinberg) provides a guaranteed and dedicated revenue source for the realignment of programs through FY 2016-17 and a guaranteed and dedicated level of funding for those realigned programs in future years, for as long as the County is tasked with the responsibility for implementing those realigned programs. The legislation also provides protections from future state law changes and shared financial risk for the State due to federal law changes and court decisions.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has consistently articulated its commitment to working with the Governor and the Legislature in developing solutions for the restructuring of the State-County relationship. Considering the Governor's goal to develop and implement an extensive realignment framework by October 9, 2011, it is imperative that the County of Los Angeles (County) continue to work with the Governor and the Legislature to ensure that this framework is both feasible and sustainable for the County of Los Angeles and the residents we serve.

I, THEREFORE MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors:

1. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to continue working with the Brown Administration and the State Legislature to develop a realignment framework that:
 - Is feasible and sustainable for the County of Los Angeles and the residents we serve;

- That provides an acceptable process for allocating funding for those realigned programs;
- Secures necessary administrative flexibility and local control for realigned program implementation; and,
- Ensures that critical County programs like the IV-E Waiver for Child Welfare Services is protected, among other things.

2. Instruct the CEO to communicate support for ACA X1 2 (Blumenfield) and SCA X1 1 (Steinberg) “*The Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act*” to the Governor and the County’s State Legislative Delegation.

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